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In reply refer to: 3809
UTU-72242,UTU-77920,UTU-78488,UTU-78489
(UT-045)

November 17, 1999

Wayne Hedberg Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Ste. 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

The St. George Field Office has received the Plan of Operations from Eugene Hodges for work in T. 43 S., R. 12 W., sec. 10 and 11 on the Mesa lode claims. Although the work described will cause only a minor disturbance, he is required to file a Plan of Operations because the site is within the Little Creek Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The regulations (43 CFR 3809.1-4(b)(3)) require a Plan for any operation exceeding casual use in ACECs. Our case file number for this operation will be UTU-78488. We consider this stone to be common variety (salable) material, so it will be processed in accordance with our Handbook (H-9235-1). I have enclosed the pertinent pages for your information.

Comments concerning the proposal need to be submitted before December 15, 1999.

The St. George Field Office has received the "Notice" for work on Utah Hill in T. 42 S., R. 18 W., sec. 34 from Mr. Mark Carter. This is a salable mineral operation; however, the UDOGM may consider it a mining operation. Our case file number for this operation will be UTU-78489.

Comments concerning the proposal need to be submitted before December 1, 1999.

Mr. Mark Carter also submitted the attached amendment to Horace Cornelius' Notice (UTU-72242, S/053/040). This amendment changes the operator and claim names, but will continue to work in the same areas. Mr. Carter has accepted responsibility for reclaiming the entire site.

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I am also enclosing the reclamation notification letter we received from Ronald Willden for his exploration at Goldstrike (UTU-77920, E/053/054). I have not had a chance to inspect the work done yet.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 435-688-3205.

Sincerely,

Larry Gore Geologist

## enclosures

Hodges Plan - 3 pages Manual section - 2 pages Carter Utah Hill - 5 pages Carter Amendment - 5 pages Willden letter - 1 page